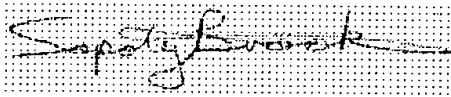


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Dear Examiner,

Re: Application No. 09/836,677; Filing Date 17 April 2001; Art Unit 3636; Applicant:
Brook, Sapoty.

In response to the Final Office Action dated 14 July 2003 and the Advisory Action dated 24 September 2003, the applicant submits the following Claim Amendments and Remarks. These claim amendments replace the claim amendments provided in the applicant's response dated 4 September 2003, which were not entered by the examiner.

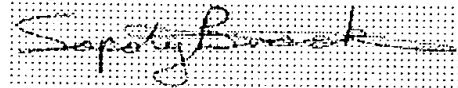
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The applicant was concerned to note that while the most recent Advisory Action was dated 24 September 2003, the enveloped was date stamped 12 October 2003. This delay of 18 days resulted in the Advisory Action reaching the applicant only 7 days before the expiry of the period for reply on 24 October 2003.

The applicant believes that the amended claims are now in an allowable state.

Best wishes,

Regards,



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